

August 10, 2011

Chairman Julius Genachowski Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, SW Washington, D.C. 20554

RE: In the Matter of applications of AT&T Inc. and Deutsche Telekom AG for consent to assign or Transfer Control of licenses and Authorizations (WT Docket No. 11-65)

Dear Chairman Genachowski:

I have always believed that a good economy is necessary to improve the quality of life for people. Good economics and good governance must march along together to promote economic development. I became mayor of Atlanta in 1982, during a nationwide recession and a reduction in federal funds for cities. During my administration, we attracted 1,100 new businesses and \$70 billion in investment, adding 1 million jobs to the region. AT&T's private sector investment in communications infrastructure is a win-win for the private and public sectors.

Quality infrastructure is key to smart and sustainable growth. Atlanta has based decades of growth on cutting edge infrastructure-- moving people, freight, information and ideas. AT&T's acquisition of T-Mobile will allow Georgia remain competitive in a global economy. As the economic capital of the Southeast region, Metro Atlanta's growth generates prosperity across the South.

Access to broadband can provide unlimited opportunities to improve the lives for our society. Broadband can help businesses reach more customers and let them compete with companies across the world. It can help our students advance by providing access to more educational opportunities including distance learning. It can open up access to more job opportunities for our citizens. It can improve access to health care through telemedicine.

COMMUNICATING POSSIBILITIES

DEVELOPING LEADERS

Our communities – both large and small – need access to fast, affordable broadband to promote economic development and job creation in today's global market. I hope you will approve AT&T's acquisition of T-Mobile USA which will bring the latest in wireless broadband technology to more than 97 percent of the U.S. population which will help bridge the digital divide in our country.

Again, I hope you will support this merger which will benefit communities from Atlanta to rural areas and small towns across Georgia. Having access to the Internet is no longer a luxury but critical to help our society to grow and prosper.

Sincerely,

Andrew J. Young

Former Mayor of Atlanta and Former Ambassador to the United Nations

Cc: Commissioner Michael Copps Commissioner Robert McDowell Commissioner Mignon Clyburn